

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 1-27 are amended to use language in accordance with conventional US practice and to delete superfluous language, such as the phrase regarding derivatives, solvates, salts and stereoisomers recited in dependent claims (the language is already recited in claim 1). In addition, use claims 15-25 are converted into method claims.

New claims 28-34 are directed to further aspects of the invention and are supported throughout the disclosure. See, e.g., page 18, line 7 – page 23, line 2.

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-14 (and presumably new claims 28-34). In response to the Election of Species Requirement, applicants hereby elect the compound *N*-methyl-4-{4-[5-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylmethylphenylcarbamoyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl]phenoxy}pyridine-2-carboxamide. This is the first compound recited in claim 12. See also compound 6 in Example 1.6 at page 54. Claims 1-14, 28, 29, and 31-34 read on the elected species. The Restriction Requirement is, however, respectfully traversed.

While the compounds of claim 26 are characterized as intermediates, it is noted that the compounds of formula I as recited in claim 1 and the compounds of formula I-1 recited in claim 26 share a substantial common core structure, namely the pyrrole ring connected to the phenyl ring and the latter being substituted by the group X-Ar. In light of this prominent common structure, there is no significant burden in examining all of the compounds together. Withdrawal of the Restriction between Groups I and II is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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